

1 **REMARKS:**

2 In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-27 are pending in the  
3 application, that claims 1 through 3 and 6 through 8 are rejected, claims 4, 5 and 9 through 12 are  
4 objected to, and claims 13 through 27 are allowed. The Examiner notes that claims 4, 5 and 9  
5 through 12 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection of a base claim.

6 In accord with the Examiner's remarks, the present amendments make the following  
7 changes to the claims:

8 Claim 1 is presently amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 4 and  
9 claim 4 is withdrawn. Dependent claims 2 and 3 thereby incorporate the added limitation to claim  
10 1 and therefore remain unchanged in the present amendment.. Claim 5 is presently amended to  
11 change its dependency from claim 4 to claim 1.

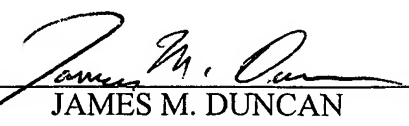
12 Claim 6 is presently amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 9 and  
13 claim 9 is withdrawn. Dependent claims 7, 8, 10 and 12 thereby incorporate the added limitation  
14 to claim 1 and therefore remain unchanged in the present amendment.. Claim 11 is presently  
15 amended to change its dependency from claim 9 to claim 6.

16 **Conclusion**

17 Applicant respectfully submits that this submission is fully responsive to the January 11,  
18 2005 Office Action, and these claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of  
19 Allowance at an early date is therefore requested.

20 If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this  
21 application, please telephone the undersigned at (661)395-1000.

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